

A Bayesian-motivated test for linear model in high-dimensional setting

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1 Introduction

Suppose we would like to compare models \mathcal{M}_0 and \mathcal{M}_1 .

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}_0 : \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{X}_a \boldsymbol{\beta}_a + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}_n(0, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_n), \\ \mathcal{M}_1 : \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{X}_a \boldsymbol{\beta}_a + \mathbf{X}_b \boldsymbol{\beta}_b + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}_n(0, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_n).\end{aligned}$$

Here $\boldsymbol{\beta}_a$ is q dimensional and $\boldsymbol{\beta}_b$ is p dimensional. We assume that as n tends to infinity, q is fixed while $p/n \rightarrow \infty$. This assumption is reasonable. In practice, p_0 is often 1 and \mathbf{X}_0 is $\mathbf{1}_n$.

Although several tests have been proposed, the following proposition implies that there is no unbiased test.

Proposition 1. *Suppose $\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}_n(\mu, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_n)$. We test $H_0 : \mu = \mathbf{X}_a \boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \boldsymbol{\beta}_a \in \mathbb{R}^q$ versus $H_1 : \mu \in \mathbb{R}^n$, where \mathbf{X}_a is an $n \times q$ matrix with full column rank, $q < n$. Let $\varphi(\mathbf{y})$ be a test function, that is, a Borel measurable function, $0 \leq \varphi(\mathbf{y}) \leq 1$. If $\int \varphi(\mathbf{y}) \mathcal{N}_n(\mathbf{X}_a \boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_n)(d\mathbf{y}) = \alpha$ for $\boldsymbol{\beta}_a \in \mathbb{R}^q$, $\phi > 0$ and $\int \varphi(\mathbf{y}) \mathcal{N}_n(\mu, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_n)(d\mathbf{y}) \geq \alpha$ for $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\phi > 0$, then $\varphi(\mathbf{y}) = \alpha$, a.s.*

So we can not find a universally good test. Instead, we would like to find a test with good average behaviour. So Bayesian methods are natural choices in this case.

Bayes hypothesis testing use the Bayes factor.

$$B_{10} = \frac{\int f_1(y|\boldsymbol{\beta}_b, \boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi) \pi_1(\boldsymbol{\beta}_b, \boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi) d\boldsymbol{\beta}_b d\boldsymbol{\beta}_a d\phi}{\int f_0(y|\boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi) \pi_0(\boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi) d\boldsymbol{\beta}_a d\phi}.$$

There have been several extensions of g -priors to $p > n$ case: Maruyama and George (2011), Shang and Clayton (2011).

Under \mathcal{M}_0 , we impose the reference prior $\pi_0(\boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi) = c/\phi$. Note that under \mathcal{M}_1 , the posterior corresponding to the reference prior is proper only if $n > q + p$. That is, the minimal training sample size is $q + p + 1$. So we cannot impose the reference prior under \mathcal{M}_1 provided $q + p + 1 > n$. We temporarily impose the conditional prior $\boldsymbol{\beta}_b | \boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi \sim \mathcal{N}_p(0, \kappa^{-1} \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_p)$. There are many literature

consider the choice of κ . Kass and Wasserman (1995) choose κ such that the amount of information about the parameter equal to the amount of information contained in one observation. Thus, under \mathcal{M}_1 , we put prior

$$\pi_1(\boldsymbol{\beta}_b|\boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi) = \frac{(\kappa\phi)^{p/2}}{(2\pi)^{p/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\kappa\phi}{2} \|\boldsymbol{\beta}_b\|^2 \right\}, \quad \pi_1(\boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi) = \frac{c}{\phi}.$$

It is straightforward to show that the Bayes factor associated with these priors is

$$B_{10}^\kappa = \frac{\kappa^{p/2}}{|\mathbf{X}_b^\top (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{X}_b + \kappa \mathbf{I}_p|^{1/2}} \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{y}^\top (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{y}^\top (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^\top (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{X}_b (\mathbf{X}_b^\top (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{X}_b + \kappa \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_b^\top (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{y}} \right)^{(n-q)/2}.$$

Thus,

$$2 \log B_{10}^\kappa = p \log \kappa - \log |\mathbf{X}_b^\top (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{X}_b + \kappa \mathbf{I}_p| - (n-q) \log \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{y}^\top (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{X}_b (\mathbf{X}_b^\top (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{X}_b + \kappa \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_b^\top (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{y}^\top (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{y}} \right).$$

Denote by $\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_a \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_a^\top$ the rank decomposition of $\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a$, where $\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_a$ is a $n \times (n-q)$ column orthogonal matrix. Let $\mathbf{X}_b^* = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_a^\top \mathbf{X}_b$, $\mathbf{y}^* = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_a^\top \mathbf{y}$. Let γ_i be the i th largest eigenvalue of $\mathbf{X}_b^* \mathbf{X}_b^{*\top}$, $i = 1, \dots, n-q$. Denote by $\mathbf{X}_b^* = \mathbf{U}_b^* \mathbf{D}_b^* \mathbf{V}_b^{*\top}$ the singular value decomposition of \mathbf{X}_b^* , where \mathbf{U}_b^* , \mathbf{V}_b^* are $(n-q) \times (n-q)$ and $p \times (n-q)$ column orthogonal matrices, respectively, and $\mathbf{D}_b^* = \text{diag}(\sqrt{\gamma_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\gamma_{n-q}})$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \log B_{10}^\kappa &= p \log \kappa - \sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \log(\gamma_i + \kappa) - (p - (n-q)) \log \kappa \\ &\quad - (n-q) \log \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{X}_b^* (\mathbf{X}_b^{*\top} \mathbf{X}_b^* + \kappa \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_b^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^*}{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^*} \right) \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \log(\gamma_i + \kappa) + (n-q) \log \left(\frac{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^*}{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{U}_b^* \left[\frac{1}{\kappa} (\mathbf{I}_{n-q} - \mathbf{D}_b^* (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1} \mathbf{D}_b^*) \right] \mathbf{U}_b^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^*} \right) \\ &= (n-q) \log \kappa - \sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \log(\gamma_i + \kappa) - (n-q) \log \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{U}_b^* \mathbf{D}_b^* (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1} \mathbf{D}_b^* \mathbf{U}_b^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^*}{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^*} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The main part of $2 \log B_{10}^\kappa$ is

$$T_n^\kappa = \frac{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{U}_b^* \mathbf{D}_b^* (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1} \mathbf{D}_b^* \mathbf{U}_b^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^*}{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^*}.$$

A large value of T_n^κ supports the alternative hypothesis. Under the null hypothesis,

$$\mathbb{E} T_n^\kappa = \frac{1}{n-q} \text{tr} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1}).$$

Under the alternative hypothesis, consider $\beta_b = c\beta_b^\dagger$ where $\beta_b^\dagger \neq 0$ is a fixed direction and $c > 0$. As $c \rightarrow \infty$,

$$T_n^\kappa \rightarrow \frac{\beta_b^{\dagger\top} \mathbf{V}_b^* \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1} \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} \mathbf{V}_b^{*\top} \beta_b^\dagger}{\beta_b^{\dagger\top} \mathbf{V}_b^* \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} \mathbf{V}_b^{*\top} \beta_b^\dagger}.$$

We say T_n^κ is consistent along the direction β_b^\dagger if

$$\frac{\beta_b^{\dagger\top} \mathbf{V}_b^* \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1} \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} \mathbf{V}_b^{*\top} \beta_b^\dagger}{\beta_b^{\dagger\top} \mathbf{V}_b^* \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} \mathbf{V}_b^{*\top} \beta_b^\dagger} > \frac{1}{n-q} \text{tr} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1}),$$

or equivalently

$$\beta_b^{\dagger\top} \mathbf{V}_b^* \left[\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1} \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} - \frac{1}{n-q} \text{tr} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1}) \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} \right] \mathbf{V}_b^{*\top} \beta_b^\dagger > 0.$$

Let k_κ be the number of positive eigenvalues of

$$\mathbf{V}_b^* \left[\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1} \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} - \frac{1}{n-q} \text{tr} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1}) \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} \right] \mathbf{V}_b^{*\top}.$$

Let \mathcal{S}_κ be the linear space spanned by the first k_κ columns of \mathbf{V}_b^* . Denote by \mathcal{S}_κ^\perp the orthogonal complement space of \mathcal{S}_κ . We have $\mathbb{R}^p = \mathcal{S}_\kappa \oplus \mathcal{S}_\kappa^\perp$. If $\beta_b^\dagger \in \mathcal{S}_\kappa$,

$$\mathbf{V}_b^* \left[\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1} \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} - \frac{1}{n-q} \text{tr} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1}) \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} \right] \mathbf{V}_b^{*\top} > 0.$$

On the other hand, if $\beta_b^\dagger \in \mathcal{S}_\kappa^\perp$,

$$\mathbf{V}_b^* \left[\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1} \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} - \frac{1}{n-q} \text{tr} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1}) \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} \right] \mathbf{V}_b^{*\top} \leq 0.$$

We would like to choose a hyperparameter κ which consists the most consistent directions. To achieve this, we maximize k_κ with respect to κ .

Proposition 2. *For $\kappa_2 > \kappa_1 > 0$, we have $k_{\kappa_1} \geq k_{\kappa_2}$. That is, k_κ ($\kappa > 0$) is decreasing in κ .*

The proposition implies that we should put κ as small as possible. This motivates us to consider $B_{10}^0 = \lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} B_{10}^\kappa$. It is straightforward to show that

$$2 \log B_{10}^0 = - \sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \log(\gamma_i) + (n-q) \log \left(\frac{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^*}{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} (\mathbf{X}_b^* \mathbf{X}_b^{*\top})^{-1} \mathbf{y}^*} \right).$$

B_{10}^0 can be regarded as the Bayes factor with respect to noninformative prior.

2 Distribution under the null hypothesis

Under the null hypothesis, the distribution of $2 \log B_{10}$ does not rely on unknown parameters. Further more, its distribution is valid as long as the distribution of ϵ is spherically symmetric.

Proposition 3. *Under the null hypothesis,*

$$T_n := \frac{\mathbf{y}^\top (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{X}_b (\mathbf{X}_b^\top (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{X}_b + \kappa \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_b^\top (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{y}^\top (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{y}} \sim \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \frac{\gamma_i}{\gamma_i + \kappa} Z_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} Z_i^2},$$

where γ_i is the i th eigenvalue of $\mathbf{X}_b^\top (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{X}_b$, $i = 1, \dots, n-q$, and Z_1, \dots, Z_{n-q} are iid $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ random variables.

Let $\nu_i = \gamma_i / (\gamma_i + \kappa)$, $\bar{\nu} = (n-q)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \nu_i$.

Lemma 1. *Under the null hypothesis, a necessary and sufficient condition for*

$$\frac{n-q}{\sqrt{2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-q} (\nu_i - \bar{\nu})^2}} (T_n - \bar{\nu}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad (1)$$

is that

$$\frac{\max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n-q\}} (\nu_i - \bar{\nu})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} (\nu_i - \bar{\nu})^2} \rightarrow 0. \quad (2)$$

Proof. Note that

$$\frac{n-q}{\sqrt{2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-q} (\nu_i - \bar{\nu})^2}} (T_n - \bar{\nu}) \sim \frac{n-q}{\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} Z_i^2} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} (\nu_i - \bar{\nu}) Z_i^2}{\sqrt{2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-q} (\nu_i - \bar{\nu})^2}}.$$

By Slutsky's theorem, (1) holds if and only if

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} (\nu_i - \bar{\nu}) Z_i^2}{\sqrt{2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-q} (\nu_i - \bar{\nu})^2}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(0, 1).$$

From Lemma 1 of Wang and Xu (2018), (2) is a necessary and sufficient condition for this to hold. \square

Appendices

Appendix A haha1

Proof of Proposition 1. We assume $0 < \alpha < 1$ since the case $\alpha = 0$ or 1 is trivial. Note that the condition implies $\int [\varphi(\mathbf{y}) - \alpha] \mathcal{N}_n(0, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_n)(d\mathbf{y}) = 0$. Hence it suffices to prove $\varphi(\mathbf{y}) \geq \alpha$, a.s. We prove this by contradiction. Suppose $\lambda(\{\mathbf{y} : \varphi(\mathbf{y}) < \alpha\}) > 0$. Then there exists a $\eta > 0$, such that $\lambda(\{\mathbf{y} : \varphi(\mathbf{y}) < \alpha - \eta\}) > 0$. We denote $E = \{\mathbf{y} : \varphi(\mathbf{y}) < \alpha - \eta\}$. From Lebesgue density theorem (Cohn, 2013, Corollary 6.2.6), there exists a point $z \in E$, such that, for each $\epsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta_\epsilon > 0$ such that

$$\left| \frac{\lambda(E^\complement \cap C_\epsilon)}{\lambda(C_\epsilon)} \right| < \epsilon,$$

where $C_\epsilon = \prod_{i=1}^n [z_i - \delta_\epsilon, z_i + \delta_\epsilon]$. We put

$$\epsilon = \left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{2}\Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\eta}{6n}\right)} \right)^n \frac{\eta}{3}.$$

Then for any $\phi > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi(\mathbf{y}) \mathcal{N}_n(z, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_n)(d\mathbf{y}) \\ &= \int_{E \cap C_\epsilon} \varphi(\mathbf{y}) \mathcal{N}_n(z, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_n)(d\mathbf{y}) + \int_{E^c \cap C_\epsilon} \varphi(\mathbf{y}) \mathcal{N}_n(z, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_n)(d\mathbf{y}) + \int_{C_\epsilon^c} \varphi(\mathbf{y}) \mathcal{N}_n(z, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_n)(d\mathbf{y}) \\ &\leq \alpha - \eta + \int_{E^c \cap C_\epsilon} \mathcal{N}_n(z, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_n)(d\mathbf{y}) + \int_{C_\epsilon^c} \mathcal{N}_n(z, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_n)(d\mathbf{y}) \\ &\leq \alpha - \eta + \left(\frac{\phi}{2\pi} \right)^{n/2} \lambda(E^c \cap C_\epsilon) + 2n \left(1 - \Phi(\sqrt{\phi}\delta_\epsilon) \right) \\ &\leq \alpha - \eta + \left(\frac{\phi}{2\pi} \right)^{n/2} \epsilon (2\delta_\epsilon)^n + 2n \left(1 - \Phi(\sqrt{\phi}\delta_\epsilon) \right) \\ &= \alpha - \eta + \left(\frac{\sqrt{\phi}\delta_\epsilon}{\Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\eta}{6n}\right)} \right)^n \frac{\eta}{3} + 2n \left(1 - \Phi(\sqrt{\phi}\delta_\epsilon) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Putting

$$\phi = \left(\frac{\Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\eta}{6n}\right)}{\delta_\epsilon} \right)^2$$

yields the contradiction $\alpha \leq \alpha - (2/3)\eta$. This completes the proof. \square

Proof of Proposition 2. For positive integer m , define $[m] = \{1, \dots, m\}$. For a set A , denote by $|A|$ its cardinality. We have

$$\begin{aligned} k_\kappa &= \left| \left\{ i \in [n-q] : \frac{\gamma_i^2}{\gamma_i + \kappa} - \frac{1}{n-q} \sum_{j=1}^{n-q} \frac{\gamma_j \gamma_i}{\gamma_j + \kappa} > 0 \right\} \right| \\ &= \left| \left\{ i \in [n-q] : \frac{\gamma_i}{\gamma_i + \kappa} > \frac{1}{n-q} \sum_{j=1}^{n-q} \frac{\gamma_j}{\gamma_j + \kappa} \right\} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Let X be a random variable uniformly distributed on $\{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{n-q}\}$. That is, $\Pr(X = \gamma_i) = 1/(n-q)$, $i = 1, \dots, n-q$. Then it can be seen that

$$k_\kappa = (n-q) \Pr \left(\frac{X}{X + \kappa} > \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{X}{X + \kappa} \right] \right).$$

Hence we only need to verify

$$\Pr \left(\frac{X}{X + \kappa_1} > \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{X}{X + \kappa_1} \right] \right) \geq \Pr \left(\frac{X}{X + \kappa_2} > \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{X}{X + \kappa_2} \right] \right). \quad (3)$$

Let $Y = X/(X + \kappa_2)$. Then

$$\frac{X}{(X + \kappa_1)} = \frac{\kappa_2 Y}{\kappa_1 + (\kappa_2 - \kappa_1)Y} := f(Y).$$

Note that $f(Y)$ is increasing for $Y \geq 0$. Then the inequality (3) is equivalent to

$$\Pr(Y > f^{-1}(E f(Y))) \geq \Pr(Y > E Y).$$

Hence we only need to verify $f^{-1}(E f(Y)) \leq E Y$, or equivalently, $E f(Y) \leq f(E Y)$. But the last inequality is a direct consequence of the concavity of $f(Y)$. This completes the proof. □

Appendix B haha2

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